



Community Health Resources Commission

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Funding Opportunities for SBHCs & School Health in Maryland

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CHRC Mission

Created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005:

- Expand access to health care in **underserved communities**;
- Support projects that serve **low-income Marylanders**, regardless of insurance status; and
- Build capacity of **safety net providers** to serve more residents.

CHRC Commissioners

Eleven Commissioners, appointed by the Governor

Edward J. Kasemeyer, CHRC Chair, Former Senator and Chair of the Maryland Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

J. Wayne Howard, CHRC Vice Chair, Former President and CEO, Choptank Community Health System, Inc.

Scott T. Gibson, Chief Strategy Officer, Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.

Flor de Maria Giusti, LCSW-C, Social Worker, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

Celeste James, Executive Director of Community Health and Benefit, Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States

David Lehr, Chief Strategy Officer, Meritus Health

Karen-Ann Lichtenstein, Former President and CEO, The Coordinating Center

Carol Masden, LCSW-C, MDPCP Project Manager, Lois A. Narr, D.O., LLC

Sadiya Muqueeth, Dr.PH, Director of Community Health, National Programs, Trust for Public Lands

Destiny-Simone Ramjohn, PhD, Vice President, Community Health and Social Impact, CareFirst

Carol Ivy Simmons, PhD, Behavioral Health Operations Manager, Suburban Maryland, Kaiser Permanente

Impact of CHRC Grants

- Since 2005, 347 grants totaling \$85.9 million.
- More than 505,000 Marylanders received services, many of whom have complex health and social service needs.
- Funded projects in all 24 jurisdictions.
- 75% of projects are sustained after grant ends.
- Improved health outcomes, reduced avoidable hospital/EMS utilization, and generated savings.

CHRC Statutory Responsibilities

Traditional grant-making activities
(HB 627 of 2005)

**Council on Advancement
of School-Based
Health Centers**
(HB 221 of 2017)

**Health Equity Resource
Communities**
(HB 643/SB 172 of 2021)

**Consortium on
Coordinated
Community Supports**
(HB 1300 of 2020)

CHRC grants supporting SBHCs

- Since 2005, CHRC has awarded 25 grants totaling over \$5.8 million to support SBHCs and school health programs.
- Supported programs in rural, urban, and suburban communities in 14 jurisdictions.
- Served more than 15,000 children.
- Contributed to the increase and sustainability of SBHCs across the state.

Types of SBHC Funding Requests to CHRC

1. Opening new SBHC sites
2. Expanding existing SBHC programs
(i.e. new services such as behavioral health, diabetes programs, expanding service to community members)
3. Facilitating telehealth
4. IT investments to support billing, Electronic Medical Records
5. School-based dental programs

FY 2021 Call for Proposals

(awards issued by the CHRC this past spring)

Two Strategic Priorities:

- Promoting health equity by addressing health disparities and Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)
- Supporting innovative, sustainable community partnerships

Three types of projects:

1. Chronic disease prevention and management (diabetes focus)
2. Health & social needs of vulnerable populations
3. Supporting safety net providers as they navigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

- **55 proposals requesting \$13.1 million**
- **35 grants awarded totaling \$6.7 million**
- **One grant will support the opening of two new SBHCs in St Mary's County**

Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers (CASBHC)

- Develops policy recommendations to improve health and educational outcomes of students who receive services from SBHCs.
- Promote growth of SBHCs in Maryland and their integration into health care delivery systems.
- Comprised of 15 members (next slide) appointed by the Governor.
- Staffed by CHRC.

CASBHC Membership

- **Kate Connor MD, MSPH** : Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- **Patryce Toye, MD** : Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- **Joanie Glick** : Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- **Joy Twesigye** : Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- **Sean Bulson, EdD** : Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland
- **Cathy Allen** : Maryland Association of Boards of Education
- **Scott Steffan**: Elementary school principal of school with a school-based health center
- **Rick Robb**: secondary school principal of school with a school-based health center
- **Jean-Marie Kelly** : Maryland Hospital Association
- **Maura Rossman, MD** : Maryland Association of County Health Officers
- **Arethusa Kirk, MD** : Managed Care Organization

Diana Fertsch, MD : Pediatrician

Kelly Kesler : parent of a student who receives SBHC services

Chrissy Bartz: Federally Qualified Health Center

vacant: Commercial Health Insurance Carrier

Ex Officio Members

The Hon. Clarence Lam – State Senate

The Hon. Bonnie Cullison – House of Delegates

Shelly Choo, MD, MPH – Maryland Department of Health

Mary Gable – Maryland State Department of Education

Andy Ratner – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Mark Luckner – Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

Staff Consultant

Lorianne Moss



Notable CASBHC Activities

- **Survey:** Working with agencies to modernize, analyze, and make public data collected in annual survey of SBHCs.
- **Standards:** Working with agencies to update SBHC Standards.
- **Kirwan:** Worked with Kirwan Commission and legislators on provisions related to SBHCs in Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation (HB 1300 of 2020).
- **COVID-19:** Released comprehensive recommendations related to utilization of SBHCs during times of school closure, including recommendations related to telehealth, COVID-19 vaccine.

How are SBHCs funded?

Grants

- Federal
- State- SBHC Grant Program and CHRC

Grant support from local sponsors

- Eg. Hospital Community Benefit
- Local government

Clinical billing/revenue generation

- Medicaid, private insurance
- Many students are uninsured
- Almost no SBHCs are supported primarily by billing revenue.

Maryland SBHC Grant Program

- Currently administered by MSDE; will shift to MDH's Bureau of Maternal and Child Health during the next year, due to legislation (HB 1148/SB 830) approved last session.
- Currently funded at \$2.5 million per year; under Kirwan legislation, will increase to \$9 million per year beginning in FY 2023.
- Currently, these are non-competitive grants offered to a limited set of existing SBHCs only.
- CASBHC will make recommendations on how the increased funding will be distributed.

Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports

- 20-member Consortium “housed” within CHRC.
- Enacted as part of Kirwan/Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (HB 1300 of 2020).
- Provides new grant funding for Coordinated Community Supports Partnerships (\$50 million in FY 2023)
- Consortium will develop a statewide framework and funding for Coordinated Community Supports Partnerships.
- Partnerships will provide integrated access to community-based behavioral health services for students and families.

Any questions?

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